

PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan
for the
SRL Oil Test Site Operable Unit

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) will release a Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan on January 7, 2004, describing the proposed remedial approach for the SRL Oil Test Site (SRLOTS) operable unit at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) will also release a draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit modification for the proposed remedial action for this unit. The plan and draft permit modification will be available for public review and copying at the locations listed below. The public comment period is scheduled for December 18, 2003, to January 31, 2004. These documents were completed to meet the terms of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) and RCRA, laws governing the investigation and cleanup of waste units. DOE has worked with the United States Environmental Protection Agency-Region IV (US-EPA) and (SCDHEC) to ensure the remedial approach is consistent with all applicable environmental requirements.

Public Information and Public Involvement activities are conducted throughout the various phases of the cleanup process. Public comment periods are held to receive oral and written comments from the public on proposed remedial plans and actions. In addition, as required by RCRA/CERCLA, the opportunity for public meetings, hearings, and briefings is made available during the remedial process and as requested by the public.

US DOE, the US EPA, and SCDHEC have reviewed the risks associated with this unit and have evaluated cleanup alternatives. The following action is recommended for the SRL Oil Test Site:

(1) No further action is required at the SRLOTS. It was determined that a formal RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) with Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA), and a Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study would not be needed for the SRLOTS. This agreement was based on the conclusions from a risk evaluation that indicates the risks to human health and the environment posed by the SRLOTS are insignificant and remediation will not be required.

The operable unit consists of two subunits: the SRL Oil Test Site plots and the Petroleum-Contaminated Soil Temporary Storage Area. The test plot area was used to assess the ability of native soil microorganisms to bioremediate machine cutting oil or other petroleum-based fluids. Predetermined quantities of oil/fluids were applied to the soil under controlled conditions, and the effects of the application were monitored over a five-year period. The Petroleum-Contaminated Soil Temporary Storage Area is located in the southwest corner of the unit. Petroleum-contaminated soil was placed on plastic sheeting at this location in April 1990. In June 1990, the petroleum-contaminated soil was removed. There are no records of the origin or disposition of the soil. The storage area has remained inactive since the soil removal.

Comments on the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan and the draft RCRA permit modification are requested by January 31, 2004. Upon completion of the public comment period, a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments will be prepared. The Responsiveness Summary will be made available with the Record of Decision and the final RCRA permit decision, and will be sent to each person who submits comments.

Copies of the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan are available in the administrative record which also contains the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) report for these units. The administrative record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and

- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan are available at the following:

- Reese Library at Augusta State University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

Copies of the draft RCRA permit modification/s are available for review at SCDHEC during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the following locations:

SCDHEC
Bureau of Land and Waste Management
8911 Farrow Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29203
Phone: (803)896-4000
or
SCDHEC
Edisto Savannah District
Environmental Quality Control Office
218 Beaufort St., N.E.
Aiken, SC 29802
Phone: (803) 641-7670

If there is interest in discussing this recommended remedial approach, a public hearing may be requested. Comments on the draft RCRA Permit modification and requests for public hearings of the Draft RCRA Permit modification should be sent to:

SCDHEC
Attn: John Litton, P.E., Director
Division of Waste Mgt.
Bureau of Land and Waste Management
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 896-4000

Comments on the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan and requests for public meetings may be sent to:

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